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SUBJECT: SARGENT SHRIVER VISIT

1. AIDES OF SARGENT SHRIVER HAVE DISCUSSED WITH DEPT. OFFICERS FORTHCOMING "LECTURE TOUR" TRIP BY SHRIVER TO USSR ON INVITATION PRESIDUM OF USSR SUPREME SOVIET. GVISHIANI IS INVOLVED IN PLANNING SHRIVER'S SCHEDULE. ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS, SHRIVER WILL ARRIVE IN USSR ABOUT MARCH 21 ON BUSINESS, THEN WILL BEGIN TWO-WEEK TOUR ON MARCH 26. HE WILL GIVE AT LEAST TWO SPEECHES, AND PROBABLY MORE DURING STAY, WHICH WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO MOSCOW, NOVOSIBIRSK, IRKUTSK, BRATSK, SAMARKAND, TASHKENT, VOLGOGRAD AND KIEV. SHRIVER HOPES TO HAVE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING TV, COVER HIS TRIP, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE PLANS TO RELY ON MOSCOW PRESS CORPS, OR BRING MEDIA REPS WITH HIM, OR HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH SOVIETS.

2. WHILE SHRIVER WANTS AMBASSADOR TO BE AWARE OF HIS PLANS, SHRIVER PROBABLY WILL NOT WANT ANY BRIEFINGS FROM EMBASSY. HE WISHES, AS PRIVATE CITIZEN, TO BE ABLE TO

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EXPRESS HIS OWN VIEWS IN SPEECHES AND IN DIALOGUE WITH

SOVIETS, AND TO MAKE CLEAR THAT USG IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR POSITIONS HE MAY TAKE.

3. IN ADDITION TO US DOMESTIC POLITICS AND US-SOVIET RELATIONS, SHRIVER'S AIDES SAID HE WILL WANT TO SPEAK TO SOVIET AUDIENCES ABOUT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH ARE NOT WITHIN POWER OF TWO COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE BY THEMSELVES. THEY MENTIONED AS AN EXAMPLE CONFERENCE THIS WEEK IN CALIFORNIA AT WHICH SCIENTISTS CALLED FOR BAN ON PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN ANDROMEDA-TYPE BACTERIA STRAINS; SOVIET SCIENTISTS AT MEETING SAID THEY WOULD RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENT THAT IT SUPPORT SUCH A BAN. SHRIVER MAY ALSO PURSUE SUCH "INTERDEPENDENCY" TOPICS AS FOOD, POPULATION PLANNING, AND THE WORLD'S MONETARY SYSTEM. DEPT. OFFICERS ARE PROVIDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SOME OF THESE TOPICS, AS WELL AS ON US-SOVIET COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND SOME OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES WHICH SOVIETS MIGHT RAISE WITH SHRIVER.

4. DEPT WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED AS SHRIVER'S OFFICE PROVIDES US WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HIS PLANS. INGERSOLL

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